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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

- grip** *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold
(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**
He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
- vengeful** *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
synonym : retaliatory, revengeful, vindictive
(1) feel **vengeful** toward him, (2) **vengeful** actions
She was **vengeful** and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.
- titular** *adj.* holding or bearing a particular title or designation, often without having the full authority or functional responsibilities that normally accompany the position; pertaining to or existing in name only
synonym : named, nominal, formal
(1) **titular** character, (2) **titular** ruler
Despite being the company's **titular** leader, she had little authority in decision-making.
- aria** *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

synonym : song, melody, tune

(1) **aria** singer, (2) dramatic **aria**

The soprano performed an emotional **aria** that brought the audience to tears.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym : musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

flute

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

synonym : pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

orchestra

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

synonym: ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym: tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

strain

n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

synonym: pressure, tension, breed

(1) **strain** our eyes, (2) a **strain** of bacillus

Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial **strain**.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

hone

v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice

synonym: sharpen, refine, perfect

(1) **hone** abilities, (2) **hone** intuition

The athlete worked with a coach to **hone** her techniques and improve her performance.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

vibration

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

synonym: oscillation, fluctuation, reverberation

(1) protection against **vibration**, (2) sympathetic **vibration**

Vibration displaced part of the mechanism.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym: fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym: oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

overtone

n. a subtle or implicit meaning or inference that is conveyed in addition to the primary or literal meaning of something; a musical tone that is produced in addition to the fundamental pitch of a note and which gives color and character to the sound

synonym: harmonic, undertone, implication

(1) **overtone** color, (2) emotional **overtones**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **overtone**, adding depth to the song.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

harmonic

adj. relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.

synonym : melodic, balanced, harmonious

(1) **harmonic** oscillator, (2) a natural **harmonic** quality

The violin's sound was so pure and **harmonic** that it gave me chills.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym : consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym : almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

acoustic

adj. relating to sound or the sense of hearing

synonym : aural, hearing, acoustical

(1) **acoustic** properties of a hall, (2) **acoustic** guitar

The ground acts as an **acoustic** barrier against outside sounds.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

clarinet

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family, with a single reed, a cylindrical bore, and a curved mouthpiece, known for its versatility and rich, warm tone

synonym: reed instrument

(1) **clarinet** reed, (2) **clarinet** player

The **clarinet's** unique sound added to the jazz ensemble.

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym: enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

sonic

adj. connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed

synonym: audio, auditory

(1) at **sonic** speed, (2) **sonic** wave

That company has introduced a new aircraft that can minimize the generation of a **sonic** boom.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

soprano

n. the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

synonym: treble

(1) **soprano** singer, (2) dramatic **soprano**

The **soprano's** voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

sensory

adj. of or relating to the physical senses

synonym : receptive, sensuous, neural

(1) a **sensory** organ, (2) a child with **sensory** issues

Sharks have highly developed **sensory** systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

synonym : beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

timbre

n. the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other

synonym: resonance, tone, inflection

(1) the **timbre** of a musical sound, (2) the **timbre** of her soprano

His voice had a deep **timbre**.

mod

n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

synonym: alteration, modification, tweak

(1) **mod** culture, (2) a house with **mod** cons

The **mod** for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

tract

n. a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body

synonym: region, area, tube

(1) a urinary **tract** infection, (2) a **tract** of virgin forest

The farmer owns a large **tract** of land where he grows corn and soybeans.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

accentuate

v. to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

synonym: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **accentuate** features, (2) **accentuate** the positive

The dress's plunging neckline was designed to **accentuate** the model's curves.

dampen

v. to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement

synonym: drench, moisten, saturate

(1) **dampen** the sound, (2) **dampen** the enthusiasm

The rain helped **dampen** the flames of the campfire.

vibrato

n. a musical technique in which a sustained note is varied in pitch and volume to produce a pulsating or wavering effect; a similar effect produced in speech or other forms of sound production

synonym: tremolo, fluctuation, modulation

(1) sing with **vibrato**, (2) **vibrato** technique

The violinist added a **vibrato** to the final notes of the piece, creating a beautiful effect.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

oscillate

v. to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive

synonym: fluctuate, swing, vibrate

(1) **oscillate** back and forth, (2) **oscillate** between joy and anger

The fan in the room **oscillates**, making the airflow more evenly.

comparative

adj. relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast

synonym : relative, approximate, correlative

(1) **comparative** viewpoint, (2) **comparative** analysis

The **comparative** study of different cultures is fascinating and informative.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym : raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

airflow

n. the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle

synonym : current, breeze, breath

(1) **airflow** duct, (2) high-speed **airflow**

They thoroughly tested the **airflow** around their latest formula car.

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym : gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

rigid

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

synonym : strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym: practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals
He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

stamina

n. the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

synonym: endurance, staying power, resilience

(1) **stamina** training, (2) lose **stamina**

The athlete's **stamina** was tested during the grueling triathlon.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

decibel

n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

synonym: dB, sound level, volume

(1) **decibel** level, (2) adjust the **decibel**

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to

cover their ears.

canto

n. a division of an epic poem, typically one of a series of songs or poems sung by a bard in ancient epic poetry

synonym: verse, song, poem

(1) **canto** part, (2) **canto** song

The singer performed a beautiful **canto** in her native language, accompanied by a traditional musical instrument.

versatile

adj. able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

synonym: adaptable, protean, universal

(1) provide a **versatile** solution, (2) a **versatile** writer

He's a **versatile** actor who has acted in various parts.

vault

n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

synonym: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym: nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
synonym: achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym: halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

thunder

n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

synonym: detonation, rumble, roar

(1) **thunder** cloud, (2) deafening **thunder** of applause

The roaring **thunder** was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

Session 2: Spelling

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25. or_____ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
26. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
27. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
28. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
29. laws of ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 19. opera, 20. magic, 21. resonate, 22. advantage, 23. vengeful, 24. distinctive, 25. orchestra, 26. specific, 27. attune, 28. spot, 29. physics

30. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
31. play the fl__e *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
32. re____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
33. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
34. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
35. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
36. vo____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
37. ov_____ne color *n.* a subtle or implicit meaning or inference that is conveyed in addition to the primary or literal meaning of something; a musical tone that is produced in addition to the fundamental pitch of a note and which gives color and character to the sound
38. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

ANSWERS: 30. masterpiece, 31. flute, 32. resonate, 33. boost, 34. lung, 35. instrument, 36. volume, 37. overtone, 38. soar

39. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
40. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
41. vi___n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
42. a se____y organ *adj.* of or relating to the physical senses
43. ai____w duct *n.* the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle
44. dramatic so____o *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
45. ac____ic guitar *adj.* relating to sound or the sense of hearing
46. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
47. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
48. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 39. opera, 40. biology, 41. violin, 42. sensory, 43. airflow, 44. soprano, 45. acoustic, 46. competition, 47. volume, 48. determinant

49. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
50. am____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
51. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
52. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
53. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
54. am____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
55. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
56. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
57. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
58. va__t from five to fifty percent *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

ANSWERS: 49. pitch, 50. amplify, 51. specifically, 52. fundamental, 53. sensitive, 54. amplify, 55. combination, 56. identify, 57. magic, 58. vault

59. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
60. the ti___e of a musical sound *n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
61. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
62. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
63. th_____r cloud *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
64. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
65. a st___n of bacillus *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
66. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

ANSWERS: 59. registration, 60. timbre, 61. fundamental, 62. sect, 63. thunder, 64. technique, 65. strain, 66. vibrate

67. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
68. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
69. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
70. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
71. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
72. os_____te back and forth *v.* to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive
73. st_____a training *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
74. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
75. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
76. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 67. compose, 68. competition, 69. expand, 70. specifically, 71. distinctive, 72. oscillate, 73. stamina, 74. shifting, 75. emphasize, 76. advantage

77. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
78. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
79. acc_____te features *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
80. a simple me____y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
81. ca__o song *n.* a division of an epic poem, typically one of a series of songs or poems sung by a bard in ancient epic poetry
82. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
83. st__l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
84. ve_____ul actions *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
85. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
86. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
87. de_____l level *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

ANSWERS: 77. combination, 78. brain, 79. accentuate, 80. melody, 81. canto, 82. registration, 83. stall, 84. vengeful, 85. slightly, 86. frequency, 87. decibel

88. political pa___n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
89. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
90. ad____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
91. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
92. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
93. sympathetic vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
94. ha____ic oscillator *adj.* relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.
95. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
96. adv_____ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
97. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
98. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 88. patron, 89. strength, 90. addition, 91. grip, 92. string, 93. vibration, 94. harmonic, 95. identify, 96. advantageous, 97. origin, 98. sensitive

99. com_____ve analysis *adj.* relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast
100. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
101. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
102. emotional ov_____nes *n.* a subtle or implicit meaning or inference that is conveyed in addition to the primary or literal meaning of something; a musical tone that is produced in addition to the fundamental pitch of a note and which gives color and character to the sound
103. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
104. vi_____o technique *n.* a musical technique in which a sustained note is varied in pitch and volume to produce a pulsating or wavering effect; a similar effect produced in speech or other forms of sound production
105. a child with se_____y issues *adj.* of or relating to the physical senses
106. os_____te between joy and anger *v.* to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive

ANSWERS: 99. comparative, 100. consistent, 101. trigger, 102. overtone, 103. balance, 104. vibrato, 105. sensory, 106. oscillate

107. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
108. at___e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
109. dramatic a__a *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
110. da___n the sound *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
111. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
112. so_____o singer *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
113. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
114. st___n our eyes *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
115. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 107. consistent, 108. attune, 109. aria, 110. dampen, 111. employ, 112. soprano, 113. biology, 114. strain, 115. balance

116. vi____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
117. play the vi____n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
118. adjust the de____l *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
119. surgical ins____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
120. in____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
121. vulnerable to man____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
122. the pa____n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
123. a tr__t of virgin forest *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
124. a ve____le writer *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

ANSWERS: 116. vibrate, 117. violin, 118. decibel, 119. instrument, 120. interpret, 121. manipulate, 122. patron, 123. tract, 124. versatile

125. a urinary tr__t infection *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
126. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
127. economically fe_____le *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
128. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
129. the pre_____on of meals *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
130. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
131. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
132. a__a singer *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
133. m_d culture *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
134. provide a ve_____le solution *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
135. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 125. tract, 126. virtually, 127. feasible, 128. determinant, 129. preparation, 130. technique, 131. comprise, 132. aria, 133. mod, 134. versatile, 135. epic

136. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
137. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
138. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
139. va__t door *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
140. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
141. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
142. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
143. the ti___e of her soprano *n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
144. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
145. deafening th_____r of applause *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
146. acc_____te the positive *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

ANSWERS: 136. string, 137. microphone, 138. manipulate, 139. vault, 140. spot, 141. virtually, 142. physics, 143. timbre, 144. emphasize, 145. thunder, 146. accentuate

147. com_____ve viewpoint *adj.* relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast
148. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
149. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
150. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
151. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
152. fl__e music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
153. be_____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
154. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
155. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

ANSWERS: 147. comparative, 148. epic, 149. addition, 150. specific, 151. sect, 152. flute, 153. beloved, 154. expand, 155. stall

156. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
157. to____e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
158. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
159. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
160. cl_____et player *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, with a single reed, a cylindrical bore, and a curved mouthpiece, known for its versatility and rich, warm tone
161. at so__c speed *adj.* connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
162. lose st_____a *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
163. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
164. ac_____ic properties of a hall *adj.* relating to sound or the sense of hearing
165. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
166. be_____d author *adj.* loved very much

ANSWERS: 156. compose, 157. tongue, 158. concert, 159. strength, 160. clarinet, 161. sonic, 162. stamina, 163. brain, 164. acoustic, 165. slightly, 166. beloved

167. so__c wave *adj.* connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
168. ri__d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
169. high-speed ai____w *n.* the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle
170. ri__d structure *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
171. protection against vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
172. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
173. h__e intuition *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
174. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
175. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
176. ti_____r ruler *adj.* holding or bearing a particular title or designation, often without having the full authority or functional responsibilities that normally accompany the position; pertaining to or existing in name only
177. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
178. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 167. sonic, 168. rigid, 169. airflow, 170. rigid, 171. vibration, 172. odd, 173. hone, 174. masterpiece, 175. comprise, 176. titular, 177. boost, 178. trigger

179. da___n the enthusiasm *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
180. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
181. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
182. ac_____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
183. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
184. cl_____et reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, with a single reed, a cylindrical bore, and a curved mouthpiece, known for its versatility and rich, warm tone
185. h__e abilities *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
186. fe_____le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
187. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
188. a house with m_d cons *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

ANSWERS: 179. dampen, 180. lung, 181. interpret, 182. acrobatic, 183. grip, 184. clarinet, 185. hone, 186. feasible, 187. odd, 188. mod

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The dress's plunging neckline was designed to _____ the model's curves.
v. to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
2. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving
3. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
4. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.
n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
5. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
6. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
7. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
8. The singer's voice had a beautiful _____ adding depth to the song.
n. a subtle or implicit meaning or inference that is conveyed in addition to the primary or literal meaning of something; a musical tone that is produced in addition to the fundamental pitch of a note and which gives color and character to the sound

ANSWERS: 1. accentuate, 2. shifting, 3. specifically, 4. opera, 5. soared, 6. magic, 7. frequency, 8. overtone,

9. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

10. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

11. _____ displaced part of the mechanism.

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

12. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

13. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

14. The soprano performed an emotional _____ that brought the audience to tears.

n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

15. The violin's sound was so pure and _____ that it gave me chills.

adj. relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.

16. Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial _____.

n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

ANSWERS: 9. feasible, 10. specific, 11. Vibration, 12. balance, 13. fundamental, 14. aria, 15. harmonic, 16. strain

17. Sharks have highly developed _____ systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.

adj. of or relating to the physical senses

18. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

19. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

20. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

21. The rain helped _____ the flames of the campfire.

v. to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement

22. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

23. The _____ voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

n. the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

24. The farmer owns a large _____ of land where he grows corn and soybeans.

n. a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body

ANSWERS: 17. sensory, 18. employ, 19. origin, 20. combination, 21. dampen, 22. slightly, 23. soprano's, 24. tract

25. The violinist added a _____ to the final notes of the piece, creating a beautiful effect.
- n.* a musical technique in which a sustained note is varied in pitch and volume to produce a pulsating or wavering effect; a similar effect produced in speech or other forms of sound production
26. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
27. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
- n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
28. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
29. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
30. Despite being the company's _____ leader, she had little authority in decision-making.
- adj.* holding or bearing a particular title or designation, often without having the full authority or functional responsibilities that normally accompany the position; pertaining to or existing in name only
31. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 25. vibrato, 26. spot, 27. epic, 28. biology, 29. strength, 30. titular, 31. volume

32. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
33. The ground acts as an _____ barrier against outside sounds.
- adj.* relating to sound or the sense of hearing
34. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
35. His voice had a deep _____.
- n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
36. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
37. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
- adv.* almost completely
38. The cello is a member of the _____ family.
- n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
39. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
- n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue

ANSWERS: 32. microphone, 33. acoustic, 34. identify, 35. timbre, 36. advantages, 37. Virtually, 38. violin, 39. tongue

40. The athlete worked with a coach to _____ her techniques and improve her performance.

v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice

41. His grandfather was an _____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

42. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

43. He was unpopular because of his _____ adherence to the rules.

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

44. He studied the _____ of radiation.

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

45. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

46. That company has introduced a new aircraft that can minimize the generation of a _____ boom.

adj. connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed

47. She was _____ and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.

adj. feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive

48. The structure is _____ of three main components.

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 40. hone, 41. odd, 42. manipulate, 43. rigid, 44. physics, 45. boost, 46. sonic, 47. vengeful, 48. composed

49. He's a _____ actor who has acted in various parts.

adj. able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

50. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

51. The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly _____.

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

52. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

53. This artist always packs the _____ halls.

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

54. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

55. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

56. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 49. versatile, 50. sect, 51. advantageous, 52. registration, 53. concert, 54. technique, 55. attune, 56. grip

57. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

58. You might need to _____ this point.

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

59. The ____ for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

60. The fan in the room _____ making the airflow more evenly.

v. to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive

61. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

62. The _____ unique sound added to the jazz ensemble.

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family, with a single reed, a cylindrical bore, and a curved mouthpiece, known for its versatility and rich, warm tone

63. He has terminal ____ cancer.

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

64. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 57. consistent, 58. amplify, 59. mod, 60. oscillates, 61. instrument, 62. clarinet's, 63. lung, 64. competition

65. The athlete's _____ was tested during the grueling triathlon.
- n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
66. The singer performed a beautiful _____ in her native language, accompanied by a traditional musical instrument.
- n.* a division of an epic poem, typically one of a series of songs or poems sung by a bard in ancient epic poetry
67. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
68. The _____ study of different cultures is fascinating and informative.
- adj.* relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast
69. The government _____ contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.
- n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
70. The accomplished _____ will give two more performances this week.
- n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
71. The team _____ players from different countries.
- v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

ANSWERS: 65. stamina, 66. canto, 67. brain, 68. comparative, 69. vault, 70. orchestra, 71. comprises

72. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

73. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

74. The concert reached 100 _____ causing many people to cover their ears.

n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

75. I am here to save my _____.

adj. loved very much

76. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

77. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

78. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

79. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

ANSWERS: 72. string, 73. sensitive, 74. decibels, 75. beloved, 76. masterpiece, 77. vibrate, 78. determinant, 79. stalled

80. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

81. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

82. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

83. Her voice gradually increased in _____.

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

84. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

v. to give or show particular importance to something

85. Different people might _____ this news differently.

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

86. The incident _____ a political controversy.

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

87. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

ANSWERS: 80. expand, 81. patron, 82. acrobatic, 83. pitch, 84. emphasize, 85. interpret, 86. triggered, 87. distinctive,

88. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

89. The _____ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

90. They thoroughly tested the _____ around their latest formula car.

n. the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle

91. The roaring _____ was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

92. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

93. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

94. He helped me with the _____ of this book.

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

ANSWERS: 88. resonates, 89. flute, 90. airflow, 91. thunder, 92. melody, 93. addition, 94. preparation